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National Security Study Memorandum 95

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

The Secretary of State

The Secretary of Defense

The Director of Central Intelligence

DOS, OSD Reviews Completed

SUBJECT:

U.S. Policy Objectives in Indo-China

The President has directed that a study be prepared on an urgent basis of U.S. interests and the short-term U.S. policy alternatives in Indo-China, with particular emphasis on the implications of the Cambodian situation.

This study should be done on the assumption that there is no progress toward a settlement in Indo-China through an international conference or other diplomatic initiatives. It should include discussion of, but not be limited to, the following subjects:

- -- Our interests and objectives in the current situation; e.g., the degree to which we consider important the maintenance of a non-Communist Cambodian Government.
- -- The steps which the U.S. might take directly or in support of other countries to further those interests and objectives.
- -- The issues and options for U.S. policies if the Cambodian Government falls.
- -- The effect of various U.S. actions on efforts toward reaching a political settlement in Indo-China.

The President has directed that this study be prepared by an ad hoc group chaired by a representative of the Secretary of State and including representatives of the addressees of the memorandum and of the NSC staff. It should be undertaken on a priority basis to enable it to be considered concurrently with NSSM 94 and submitted by June 15, 1970.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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